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Education comes full circle

BY MELISSA BATKA
Editor in Chief

Flipping through the pages of her notebook, Huma Farook looked up with tired eyes and sighed.

"I will be happy when finals are over," said Farook. "I am exhausted."

The 23-year-old senior has more than some rest and relaxation to look forward to. On Dec. 20 she will join about 450 students at commencement, where she will receive her bachelor's degree in sociology.

But commencement comes with an additional honor for Farook, who will give the traditional 'graduate response' for the class of fall 2005.

"I am a little nervous," said Farook. "I am trying to find nice shoes because I know people will be looking at my feet."

Although she would not reveal any details about her speech, Farook promised that it will be heartfelt and not generic or cheesy.

After spending a year at Northern Illinois University and a year at Oakton Community College, she feels she finally found a 'good fit' at PUC. An active member of the campus community, Farook has been a supplemental instructor, participated in the Head Start and Upward Bound programs and served two years as president of the social justice club and as an orientation leader for PUC 101.

She feels that one of her greatest accomplishments was becoming a better student. Admitting to not having been the best student in high school, Farook has come along way receiving semester honors and becoming a member of Phi Alpha Theta, a history national honors society.

Some of her other accomplishments include organizing bone marrow typing drives and collecting shoes for children in third-world countries.



Photo provided by Huma Farook

Huma Farook reflects on three years at PUC with fond memories as she gets ready to earn her first degree in sociology. Farook will give the traditional 'graduate response' at commencement on Dec. 20 at the Radisson Star Plaza Theatre at 6 p.m.

"One of the most important things that I have learned is that there is a real world out there," said Farook. "It is easy to get distracted from it, but if you can take the time to see it and make a difference you can get a new appreciation for everything you have."

"Besides, it doesn't take that much time to make a difference."

Farook, who will finish her second degree in secondary education next fall, plans on becoming a high school history teacher. Teaching has always been her pas-

sion, but she decided to major in sociology because of her interest in people and the way they interact with each other.

Although she is two more semesters away from completing her college career, Farook has definitely seen her education come full circle.

"My father is a professor here, my mother used to study here and they used to drop me off for preschool here," said Farook. "I think it is kind of funny that I am earning my degree here too."

Biggest stories of Fall '05

BY DAVID P. FUNK
News Editor

With the semester full of PUC news coming to a close, *The Chronicle* felt it appropriate to review the biggest news stories of the semester.

Just before the semester began in early July, the Tanglewood apartment fire shocked and saddened the PUC community. The fire resulted in the death of Prabhat Singhal and the hospitalization of Manoj Rana. Rana is still being cared for at the University of Chicago hospitals. Donations are being accepted by the Purdue Indian Student Association on Rana's behalf. Contact PISA at (219) 484-0356 or pisa_calumet@yahoo.com.

The Chronicle broke a story about alleged hazing within Alpha Psi Lambda fraternity and possibly Theta Rho Upsilon sorority with the first issue of the fall semester. At the time the article was written, university officials had not been informed. The dean's office was contacted shortly after but were unwilling to comment on whether or not they would investigate.

The University Village has been evacuated four times in its inaugural semester, due to either mechanical malfunction or student pranks. Residents have been forced to spend hours in the PUC gym or standing in the cold, waiting to be allowed back into their apartment-style student housing complex.

The UV evicted five residents for alleged drug use and/or possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia. Sources close to the story told *The Chronicle* students had been smoking marijuana and drinking in their rooms. University police

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Brogan Pharmaceuticals wins Purdue business competition

BY NICOLE ELISCHER
Staff Writer

A pharmaceutical company from Crown Point working to create a drug for early diagnosis of the childhood adrenal cancer neuroblastoma took home first place in the 2005 Opportunity for Indiana plan business competition on Dec. 1 at Purdue North Central in Westville. The business plan competition was part of a three-phase, three-year economic development program funded through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., and was sponsored by Purdue University Calumet and Purdue North Central.

Brogan Pharmaceuticals, a pharmaceutical company that operates out of Purdue Technology Center in Merrillville, received a \$25,000 Lilly Endowment grant to further develop and market drugs for diagnosing and treating the childhood adrenal gland cancer known as neuroblastoma. Brett Dines, company's president, said that the business plan competition provided a means to have the company's business plan and vision reviewed and critiqued by seasoned business professionals and faculty of Purdue and that

it transcended and communicated the technical aspects of their business to an audience that will ultimately seed or fund the growth of the company.

"The competition as a whole is meant to spawn innovation and then begin the process of converting those ideas into viable businesses," said Dines, who graduated from Purdue University in West Lafayette in 1992 with a degree in pharmacy. Dines said also that feedback from the judges "validated our ability to concisely communicate our current position, our immediate needs and our vision within the document," and that the company's achievement from the competition with aid them in establishing further credibility, developing future documentation and help with establishing relationships with the financial community. He said Brogan's future plans will be to work with the Food and Drug Administration to submit an application to get their drug approved and available for doctors to use.

Second place with a grant of \$15,000 went to Little Locks, Inc of Dyer, a hair salon/ toy boutique; technological business company IT3 of Crown Point received third place a grant of \$10,000; fourth place and \$3,000 dollars went to Farm Direct Meat of

St. John, and fifth place and \$2,000 went to highHDef.tv of Highland.

Dr. Benjamin Varnau, a PUC business student with a focus in entrepreneurship and owner of highHDef.tv, a start-up, full-service high definition video production/post-production company, said that that the company will provide a new market to Indiana and that the competition was amazing and that "the diversity of the different types of businesses really shows what the future of business in NWI will be like."

Donna George, regional coordinator for the competition, said that the purpose of the competition is to build innovative businesses for Northwest Indiana and provide jobs for Indiana college and high school graduates. In this final round of competition, the five finalists are given 20 minutes to present their plan to the judges and 20 minutes for the judges to question them about any aspect of their business. George said that the judges were impressed with this year's finalists and that the business plans had improved since last year's competition. Additional business plan competitions were held at Purdue campuses in Fort Wayne and West Lafayette.



photo provided by Donna George

Brett Dines, president and CEO of Brogan Pharmaceuticals

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Our University Police: REAL police officers who are trained and empowered

You've seen them around campus—in uniforms, on foot, in squad cars and even on bicycles.

Foremost, their job is to protect and serve our campus on a 24 / 7 basis. But when called upon—and they frequently are—they also assist their City of Hammond Police colleagues in a wide range of law enforcement matters.

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Every one of our nine-member University Police force is a "real" police officer, afforded the same empowerment and law enforcement privileges of any other police officer.

Distinguishing University Police from Campus Security

Our University Police staff differs in role and responsibility from the security personnel who patrol our campus in the campus security vans. The security personnel are contracted by Purdue Calumet to provide extended security services around campus; they are supervised by our University Police.

In short, they assist our University Police by offering expanded security on our campus, but they are not law enforcement officers and do not act in that manner.

To rate the privileges and status of a certified, law enforcement officer in Indiana, one must undergo the official, 13-week training program offered through the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. All nine of our officers have received that training.

Enforcing the law, arresting violators

"Our officers are fully empowered to enforce the law and arrest violators," Purdue Calumet University Police Chief Steve Chaddock said. "Not only are offenders subject to repercussion for violating state laws, but our officers also have jurisdiction to enforce university rules and regulations. In fact, we work very closely with the Dean of Students Office, university administration and the director of student housing regarding violations at The University Village."

The job of University Police is to protect the campus, keep it safe and maintain order. Students who have underestimated the authority University Police officers command have learned the hard way that their campus privileges can be curtailed, if not revoked.

What's Goin' On?

A look around

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Life and Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Thursday, January 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faculty member Lynn Zimmerman will facilitate a discussion on the book "Totto Chan: The Little Girl at the Window" by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi. Interested students may register at Student Life and Activities located in the Student Union and Library Building room 324E or call 989-2369 for more information. Books will be provided.

First annual convocation honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Cultural Awareness Advisory Committee would like to invite the campus community to the first annual convocation honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Thursday, January 19 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in Alumni Hall.

Couples sought for therapy study

The PUC couple and family therapy master's degree program is seeking couples who have been together for at least one year to participate in a 14-week study. Couples must attend weekly one hour meetings, respond to two questionnaires and collect saliva samples throughout the study. Interested couples can contact Rebecca Hummel at (219) 989-2027 or rahummel@comcast.net.

Homecoming King and Queen Applications

Student Life & Activities is accepting applications for PUC's Homecoming 2006 King & Queen candidates. Applications and guidelines are available at www.calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/life/ or at the Student Life and Activities office, Student Union Library, 234E. Deadline for applications is January 25, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

BSU gospel choir call-out

PUC Black Student Union is calling out all dedicated, spirit-filled students, faculty, and staff to join in their gospel choir. Rehearsals are held every Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Gyte 221.

Let your voice be heard

The Student Government Association is looking for students who have problems with courses, professors, grades and policies—students who are dedicated, outspoken leaders. Visit their office in SUL 324F to fill out an application.

How to find and keep a job

Student employment will offer career coaching regarding how to find a job on and off campus and keep it in a seminar January 10 from 3 - 4 p.m. in SUL 321. Sign up on the CCLD web calendar or call Cathy Taylor, student employment coordinator at (219) 989-4119.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, clubs, organizations or departments in "What's Goin' On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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A bit of holiday history

BY SIDDARTH MISHRA
Cub Reporter

November and December mark one of the busiest, most important holiday seasons of the year around the world. From Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah to Our Lady of Guadalupe Day in Mexico, Guy Fawkes Day in the United Kingdom, and New Year's Eve, November and December are full of revelry, celebration, and solemn religious occasions.



To some people, Thanksgiving Day is a day set aside each year for giving thanks to God for blessings received during the year. On this day, people give thanks with feasting and prayer. The holiday is celebrated in both the United States and Canada.

The first Thanksgiving Days in New England were harvest festivals, or days for thanking God for plentiful crops. For this reason, the holiday still takes place late in the fall, after the crops have been gathered. For thousands of years, people in many parts of the world have held harvest festivals. Experts say the American Thanksgiving Day

probably grew out of the harvest-home celebrations of England.

Congress ruled that after 1941 the fourth Thursday of November would be observed as Thanksgiving Day and would be a legal federal holiday.

Thanksgiving Day in Canada is celebrated in much the same way as in the United States. It was formerly celebrated on the last Monday in October. But in 1957, the Canadian government proclaimed the second Monday in October to be the holiday.



Hanukkah is the Jewish Feast of Lights or Feast of Dedication. The Hebrew word Hanukkah means dedication. The Hanukkah holiday begins on the eve of the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev (approximately December) and lasts eight days.

During Hanukkah, gifts are exchanged and contributions made to the poor. On the first evening, one candle is lighted in a special eight-branched candelabrum called a menorah. Beginning on the second night, one candle is added every night until the total reaches eight on the last night. The candles are lighted by a separate candle called a shamash.

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday



that begins on December 26 and lasts for seven days. The word Kwanzaa, comes from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza", which means first fruits in Kiswahili, an East African language.

The holiday was developed in 1966 in the United States by Maulana Karenga, a professor of Pan-African studies and black cultural leader. The holiday centers on the Nguzo Saba, seven principles of black culture developed by Karenga. These principles are Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

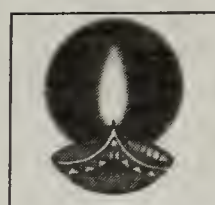


Christmas is a Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. No one knows the exact date of Christ's birth, but most Christians observe Christmas on

December 25.

The first mention of December 25 as the birth date of Jesus occurred in A.D. 336 in an early Roman calendar. The celebration of

this day as Jesus' birth date was probably influenced by pagan (unchristian) festivals held at that time. The ancient Romans held year-end celebrations to honor Saturn, their harvest god and Mithras, the god of light. Various peoples in northern Europe held festivals in mid-December to celebrate the end of the harvest season. As part of all these celebrations, the people prepared special foods, decorated their homes with greenery, and joined in singing and gift-giving. These customs gradually became part of the Christmas celebration.



In addition to these festivals celebrated here in the United States, the Hindu Festival of Lights, Deepavali also usually falls in late October or early November and marks the home-coming of the Lord Rama (usually the most revered of all Indo-Aryan gods). On this day, India seems to be the brightest part of the world.

The Moslem holy month of Ramadan also falls in the late October period and ends with the holiest of Moslem festivals; Id.

No matter what a person's religion or belief, the holidays are, for many, a time to celebrate.

Congratulations and good luck to Fall 2005 graduates from *The Chronicle*

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Saturday / Sunday Closed

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Saturday / Sunday Closed

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Monday to Friday 7:30 am—5:00 pm
Saturday / Sunday Closed

Please note that all support services will be closed on observed campus holidays, including December 23, 26, and 30 and January 2 and 16.

Regular scheduled hours will resume at 7:30 am on January 17, 2005.

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Take time to unwind and give a little

We don't know about all of you, but this has been one stressful semester. Between working at the paper and other part-time jobs, going to class and trying to study and get our homework done, we have not had much time for anything else. Most of us haven't had time for our families and it has been at least a month, if not more, since we have hung out and/or talked to most of our friends. We feel bad about it, but we are sure they understand; we are a really busy people.

And it is not like we have been neglecting them. We haven't had much time for ourselves, either. We don't make it to the gym as often as we would like and we can't remember the last time we went to a club or to see a movie.

Most of you can relate, right? There is a lot to juggle when you are in college and at some point, something has got to give.

When you are in college, it is easy to become consumed with all of the work and responsibility you have. The rest of the world can sort of fade away and take the back seat. We become detached from the rest of society and completely submersed in our own subculture. But it is not like we are being selfish.

Or is it?

One of The Chronicle staff members was walking through the parking garage last week when they were practically run over by two other students who were in a hurry to get to class. As they walked by, one of them commented on how nice it must be to be able to park in the handicapped parking spots.

The other student replied by saying, "You know you can print those handicapped stickers online, right? We should do that so we don't have to rush as much, anymore."

We understand that everyone has busy schedules, but is saving a few minutes on your walk to class really worth lying and cheating someone out of something they need?

And that is when it hit us. Maybe, in our haste, we have all become a little selfish. Perhaps we have become so detached that we have completely lost sight of...

As the semester comes to an end and winter break begins, we encourage you to take the time to reattach yourself to the world around you and remember what the holiday season is about. It is about giving thanks and showing appreciation for all that we have. It is about spending time with family, friends and the people who mean the most to us in our lives. And it is about giving, but not just gifts. It is about giving a part of yourself and making a difference in the lives of others.

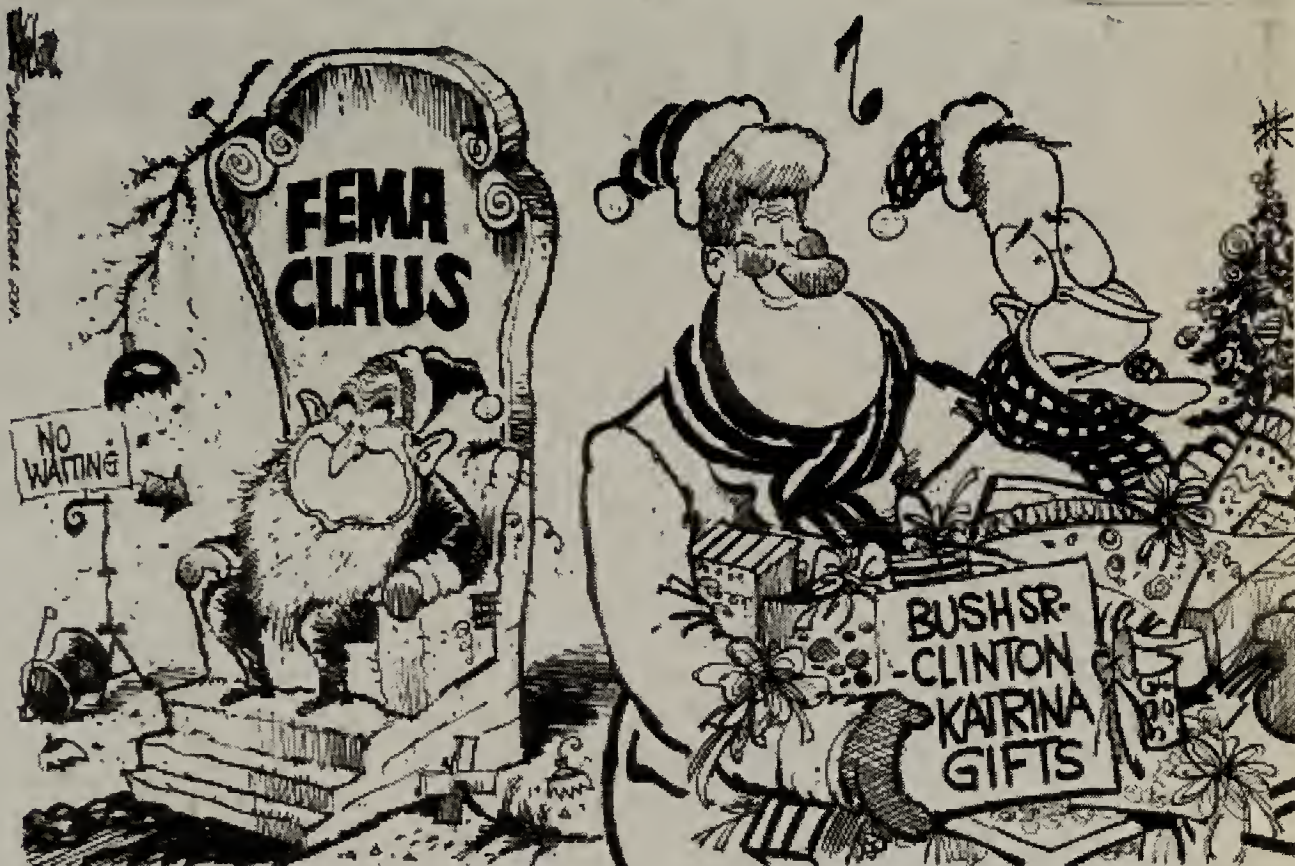
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A story about equality

BY LINDA MERRICK
Production Manager

Hello. My name is Linda Merrick, I am the production manager for The Chronicle and I am majoring in elementary education. But this commentary doesn't really have anything to do with that. This commentary has to do with religion and school.

I am Christian, but I am not your "normal," "mainstream" Christian. I do not keep Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentine's Day, and most holidays. I do keep national holidays such as Independence Day and Thanksgiving, though. I go to church on Saturdays rather than Sundays and I keep some of the Jewish Holy days. I keep all the holy days that are mentioned in Leviticus 23 in the Bible. One of the holy days mentioned in this Biblical chapter is called The Feast of Tabernacles. This holy day lasts for seven days and focuses mostly on the return of Christ. For this particular holy day we go live in a temporary dwelling and go to church every day for those seven days in a temporary church. A tabernacle literally means a temporary church.

In ancient times, The Feast of Tabernacles was a festival that focused on the great autumn harvest. People from all over in Israel came together to observe. All during the harvest season they set aside animals and produce for

this special week of rejoicing and during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles everyone enjoyed an abundance of food, drink and fellowship.

The Feast of Tabernacles always takes place in the fall and follows a lunar calendar. There is a holy day directly after The Feast of Tabernacles called The Last Great Day, which leads me to stay in this temporary place of living for eight days total. This year The Feast of Tabernacles was from October 18-24 and the Last Great Day was on the 25th.

This year I went with my parents to California for the Feast of Tabernacles. I left with my parents two days before it actually started and was only planning on staying for a week. But a few days after I got there I realized how wrong I felt for leaving and I wanted to stay for the entire Feast. So I e-mailed the teachers for whom I had e-mail addresses and changed my flight to a later date. This caused me to miss two weeks worth of classes.

When I e-mailed my diversity and education teacher, she wrote me back and said that missing four classes was unacceptable and that I needed to talk to the head of teacher preparation before I could return to class.

I soon found out that I was dropped from this class. When I went and talked to my professor in person she would not allow me back into her class and said that there was no possible way she could teach me eight hours of class I had missed.

In her class policy it says that, "In accordance with this policy, more than two absences, even, 'unavoidable absences' as stated in the university, policy will result in a lower final grade by one letter grade. Two 'consecutive absences and/or three total absences may result in a failing grade for this course.'"

It also states in both university policy and my professor's policy that I cannot miss that much school for religious reasons. I find it very ironic that a diversity and education teacher can't be more understanding of my religion when she is trying to teach me to be more understanding of diversity.

Every year practically our entire country shuts down on December 25. It seems that the only places that are open are video stores, the movie theaters and Denny's on this day. Just about everyone gets time off from work and school regardless of whether they celebrate Christmas or not.

At PUC and many other colleges we get an entire month off from school during the "holiday" season. No one even thinks twice about it. Yet, it seems that I can't take time off from school to observe this time of year that is so special to me, the time during the Feast of Tabernacles. I am not asking to take a month off from school.

I personally think that there should be some kind of policy that says it's okay to take time off from school for religious reasons.

The Chronicle staff
would like to wish its readers a
safe and happy holiday season!
Feel free to contact us over winter
break with your comments, concerns or
gripes at chronicle@calumet.purdue.edu.
See you in January!

Is the HIM crossover a good idea?

BY EMILI WALLACE
Staff Writer

MTV icon and pro-skateboarder Bam Margera and the self-proclaimed "love metal." Finnish quintet HIM are as about as synonymous with one another as peanut butter and jelly. Fans of Margera's show "Viva La Bam" are well aware of the man's obsession with all things HIM. Almost every other word out of his mouth is either praising the band or its dark, brooding lead singer Ville Valo, but don't let Margera sway your judgment.

Of course, there is always that possibility of one living under a rock the past couple years and not having any idea about the group pre the release of their latest album, "Dark Light." If this is the case, let us begin by saying that the group HIM is no stranger to the music business. Having started in the mid-1990's, the group released their first EP entitled "666 Ways to Love" in 1996. Though it was only four tracks, the premonition of what was to come for the band was obvious and they continued to release albums over the last decade.

Singer/songwriter Valo is very good at what he does. In his songwriting Valo's persona is that of a tormented soul searching for love only to find death. To see him live, however, is to see a vampire Lestat-esque character that is either found drinking or smoking, swaying to the music, and flirting with the audience. I hate to say it folks and you may all disagree-but Ville Valo is what

rock and roll has been missing over the years.

What has been most unfortunate for the band is that a majority of the albums they have released have, up until recently, not been available in the US. This has not, however, stopped the band from becoming a cult favorite among the masses and having their loyal fans obtaining as much of their material as possible through internet sites like Ebay and Amazon.com.

With the release of "Dark Light" comes the next chapter in the band's career; finally crossing into America. Unfortunately, the latest release does not measure up to previous material and may disappoint some fans. Granted, of the ten tracks, five or six songs are very good at capturing the trademark Valo heartache that's beautifully harmonized with crashing guitar riffs and percussion. However, it is questionable how much "hand" was placed into the making of the album.

This latest release is not the beginning of HIM, but could potentially be the beginning of the end. In all honesty, if you're looking for an album that best showcases HIM, pick up either "Razorblade Romance," or, if you're lucky, a copy of the greatest hits collection entitled "And Love Said No."

Having seen these guys live back in October they are an excellent band and their possibilities are endless. Though there was a bit disappointment with this album, I haven't lost hope for them. I'm sure they'll come back with something even more spectacular. Until then, I've shut out the "light."



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"Love metal" rockers HIM have been around for several years and hardcore fans have had to do with getting new releases off the internet. Only recently have releases been available to the American masses.

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The Vanity Project shines

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

Earlier this year, Barenaked Ladies frontman Steven Page released his first solo album under the name The Vanity Project. The self-titled album was written by Steven Page with help of longtime friend and fellow musician Steven Duffy, who also performed under the name Lilac Time. Duffy has also been a long time Barenaked Ladies collaborator and has worked with the band since 1994's "Maybe You Should Drive."

From first listen "The Vanity Project" is a delight to listen to. The album has a laid back feel and the music is so raw and personal at times, it is as if you are in conversation with Page himself. Only one song was written by Page alone, so this is an impressive feat.

The best song on the album is "Wilted Rose." The song is about government and jaded trust when your government fails you. It also refers to the blindness of youth, and believing everyone tells the truth. It's hard to believe Page is Canadian when you hear this song. The lyrics "You know, it's all the same to me these days swear! It's hard to care" seem so raw and full of emotion they will stop listeners in their tracks time and time again.

"These Wasted Words" is a song most people can relate to, being about a failing relationship and the pain of those moments towards the end. The simplicity and Page's vocals make it yet another raw, personal track that will leave listeners wanting

more.

While still one of the better songs out there, "Baby Loves the Radio" is the low point of the album. The song is too poppy to quite fit in with the rest of the album. It's poppy in a good way and it is one of those songs that will be on repeat in listeners' brains for weeks after hearing it.

Page is currently on tour with Barenaked Ladies. The band is also in the process of recording a new album, to be released next year sometime. Whenever Page himself or Barenaked Ladies tour, a good number of fans get the pleasure of meeting the band. Upon meeting Steven Page during The Vanity Project tour last summer, I appreciated this album even more. Page is as he comes off in this album- funny, down to earth, deep and maybe a little sad.

Page is adamant that The Vanity Project is not a sign of his leaving Barenaked Ladies. The Vanity Project is simply an outlet for more of his musical talent that can not, or most likely should not, be tapped within the band.

Other members of Barenaked Ladies have solo projects as well. Jim Creegan, bassist of Barenaked Ladies, is one half of Brothers Creegan. His brother Andy is the other member and was also a founding member of Barenaked Ladies. Keyboard player Kevin Hearn has a side band called Kevin Hearn and Thin Buckle. Of the two, Thin Buckle is the stronger Barenaked Ladies side project but I recommend both. In addition drummer Tyler Stewart and singer/guitarist Ed Robertson also act on the side.



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'Holidays on Ice' looks at the dark side of the holidays

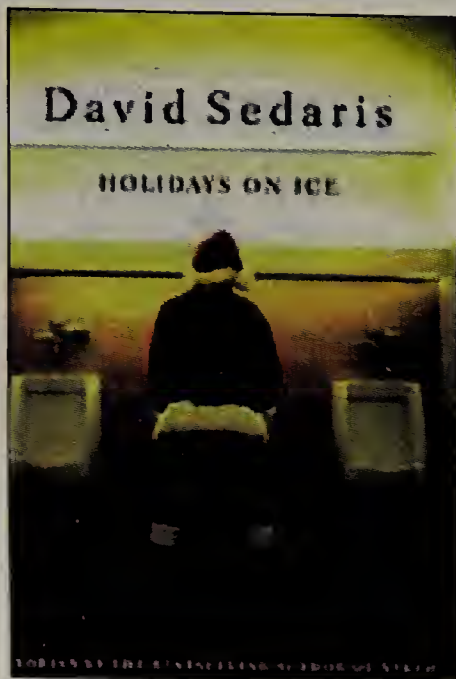


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Holidays on Ice is destined to become a Christmas classic in the spirit of "A Christmas Story."

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Entertainment Editor

David Sedaris is known for his dry wit and individual style. In his latest book, "Holidays on Ice" he attacks everyone's favorite time of year- the Christmas holiday. The book is short and in parts, therefore perfect for lazy day reading during winter break. The style is simplistic but readers might want to avoid reading this one in public- in less you like laughing out loud in public places.

The book starts with the story of one of Santa's elves in the magical Christmas world known as Macy's. The man took the job because he was not an immediate success in the field of soap opera writing upon his arrival in New York City as he thought he would be. Instead he finds himself surrounded by people at their worst, during the most frantic time of year. He does not understand children and finds himself saying things like "You must be exhausted" to the thousands of children visiting SantaLand. Overall this story is the best way to start any book on the holidays- it is in the spirit of the movie "Bad Santa" and examines people at their very worst. The elf is not your traditional happy-go-lucky guy, that's for sure.

"Front Row Center with Thaddeus

Bristol" offers reviews of the greatest Christmas experiences theater goers can imagine- the Christmas pageant. Or as Sedaris calls them "...the crucifying holiday plays and pageants currently eliciting screams from within the concubines of our local elementary and middle schools." The reviewer tears into the lighting, costumes, acting and plots of the annual holiday shows performed at several different schools during the Christmas season. The reviews are given as if the children were performing in a Broadway play, which of course they are not. The reviews are merciless, hilarious and better than any review in Rolling Stone or People.

The only dull spot in the entire book is "Based Upon a True Story," which is written in the form of a Christmas sermon in a church that does not have a lot of money. A man takes over the pulpit to convince the congregation to convince one of their own to sell her unbelievable, miraculous Christmas story to him. The man desperately wants to make this woman's story into a made for TV movie but she does not want to sell the story. The man, an executive producer who keeps referring to the congregation as "you people" and "hillbillies," promises the congregation a chunk of cash and a new church if they can convince this woman to sell her miraculous Christmas story. The story involves an organ

transplant she performed on her son, in which she used only a dime-store sewing kit, faith in God and sheer nerve. The transplant was a miraculous success, but the boy died shortly after in a tragic accident. While this installment is mildly entertaining it goes on just a bit too long.

This book tends to be, as most entertaining things are, just a tad bit on the tasteless side. One story tells of a young boy whose sister befriends a prostitute at work in a local cafeteria. Long story short, the prostitute, whose name is Dinah, ends up at the families house for Christmas. Surprisingly, the story is touching and not at all tasteless. It's a sweet Christmas tale of giving, the recipient of the gift just happens to be a prostitute.

Overall, this book is a holiday winner. "Holidays on Ice" does not sugar coat the holiday season, but rejoices in the strangeness, annoyances and overall bad times that holidays can sometimes be without the ever-present "bah-humbug" theme that runs so frequently through similar movies, literature and music.

David Sedaris is also the author of "Dress Your Family in Denim and Corduroy," "Naked" and "Me Talk Pretty One Day."

"Christmas with the Rat Pack" showcases Christmas music at its finest

BY JEFF WAUGEMAN
Staff Writer

Not being a fan of Christmas music, I would cringe anytime I would see or even hear it. The thing that changed my mind was catching a glimpse of "Christmas with the Rat Pack." You know that you are not going to be ripped off when you hear them sing.

The Rat Pack consists of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and my personal favorite Dean Martin. Sinatra, Davis Jr. and Martin are the singers of the group and all of them managed long individual careers in the

recording industry. They would occasionally band together to do nightclub concerts, frequently in Las Vegas, that were equal parts comedy and music. They were also heavy on caricature playing off of the trio's huge public personas.

One of the interesting things I found out in the CD booklet was a statement made by Bill Miller, Sinatra's pianist/conductor for 54 years.

"Frank called it 'The Summit' and the idea was to have the cast of the original Oceans 11 perform at the Sands while they filmed on location in Vegas. That was also the birth of what is now called The Rat Pack.

Each artist would do ten or fifteen minutes on their own and then [they] would all get together at the end of the show. We'd just sit back and laugh through the entire show," said Miller.

Christmas with the Rat Pack has all the essential Christmas songs. The great thing about this CD is it introduced me to the talent of Sammy Davis Jr. Four songs on the disc have never been released. We get to hear a great rendition of "Jingle Bells" by Sammy Davis Jr. and "Peace on Earth/Silent Night" by the great Dean Martin. Both of these songs were originally written for Disney's "Lady and the Tramp." The other songs performed by Sammy Davis Jr. are "Christmas Time All Over the World" and "The Christmas Song".

One of the great things about this CD is getting "A Marshmallow World (Live)" which is sung by Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. This version is taken from The Dean Martin Christmas Show TV Special from December 21, 1967. Also from The Dean Martin Show (Live) on December 31, 1970 is "Auld Lang Syne" which is also sung by Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Even if you are not a big fan of The Rat Pack, this is a necessary album to have for Christmas. This is a Christmas CD that parents and grandparents can enjoy listening to as well. After all, you may become a fan after a listen.



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The Rat Pack were famous for their wit and music.

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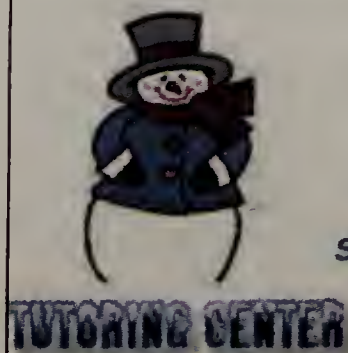
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Elizabeth's Random Fact of the Week

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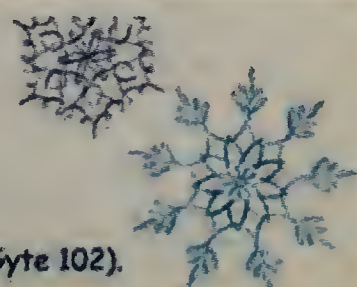
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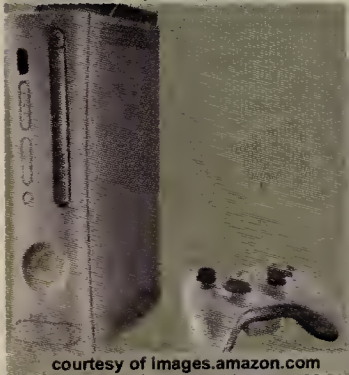
X-box 360: The ultimate holiday gift

BY DAVID OBER
Cub Reporter

You better watch out, you better not cry. You better not pout, I'm telling you why...

Santa is bringing the Xbox 360 to town, but you better get in line because they are selling fast for the holiday season. So unless you pre-ordered, it is going to be hard to obtain the mother of all Christmas presents for 2005.

The Xbox 360 has come along way from the original Xbox, which was released in 2001. The Xbox Team has innovatively placed a sleek and springy step in the way the game is played over the last few years. Other than being almost unrecognizable from the original, the Xbox 360 is sporting some sensually curvy contours and



a pale white complexion which makes it slightly more artistic and interesting than its counterpart from 2001.

It also has customizable faceplates so the console can change with your mood. The faceplates cost an additional \$20. The Xbox 360 is at 8.8 pounds. and 12.15 inches wide by 3.27 inches high by

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10.15 inches deep is slightly smaller than its predecessor but it packs a whole different punch. Beneath that stylish facade is a 20 GB lap-top style hard drive that is detachable from the unit, up to four wireless controllers, two USB ports, two memory-card slots, a USB port in the back for an optional wireless networking adapter, an infrared port on the front panel for a remote and highly improved graphics.

The Xbox 360 is ultimately prepared for the HDTV era with higher resolutions and Dolby Digital audio. It is also the digital media king. Plug in your digital camera,

flash card, thumb drive or music player and scroll through your pictures while jamming to your favorite playlist. The new Xbox can also double as a Media Center Extender, which will allow you to access your TV recordings. The bidding for the new console starts at \$299 for the core system which delivers the bare necessities: the console, one controller, and a standard A/V cable. Then there is the \$399 "premium" version which includes the console, one controller, a communications headset for Xbox Live, an A/V cable, an Ethernet networking cable, and a detachable 20 GB hard drive.

Each version offers the consumer the base level membership called Xbox Live Silver, which offers access to voice chat and voice messaging. In order to play multiplayer you will need to upgrade to the Xbox Live Gold membership which is basically the same \$50 a year service from the original Xbox. There is also Xbox Live Marketplace, an online bazaar from which you can get free demos, trailers, and more, and Xbox Live Arcade for entertaining mini games.

The Xbox 360 launches with 18 game titles, but is backwards compatible and can play over 200 games that were designed for the



Determined gamers wait outside Circuit City in Schererville in the hopes of getting one of the few Xbox 360s available.

original Xbox. While this sounds like a big number it leaves over 400 other game titles that remain unplayable. The Xbox 360 is also a CD/DVD player and can rip CDs to its hard drive and play DVDs in progressive scan. All in all, the Xbox 360 is by far the must have Christmas present of 2005. It will then sit upon its perch until Sony releases the long awaited Playstation 3.

Chronicle Top 10: Great things about the holidays

10. Eggnog

9. Games and music

8. Christmas movies

7. Pretty decorations

6. Snow

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5. Lighting the menorah

4. Spending time with loved ones

3. Time away from school

2. Food

1. Presents

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The spotlight's on...

Society of Success and Leadership

BY CASSIDY MAZZONI
Cub Reporter

This week's spotlight is on the Society of Success and Leadership. This organization is a nationwide society but did not develop at PUC until 2003. It was through the efforts of interested students and Rick Riddering, the Director of the Center for Career and Leadership Development, that PUC received its own chapter. The concept for this organization's existence at PUC came from the fact that leadership used to be credit course in previous semesters. When the faculty decided it was not filled with an academic purpose, it was dropped from the course list. For a year, there was little to no leadership program or involvement on campus.

The current president is Mike Moskalick, a senior double-majoring in management and psychology. Moskalick became involved with the society after receiving an invitation based on his GPA. Although a vast majority of the members enter the society by invites, the group is open to anyone who is interested. This semester a new guideline has been put in place that a mem-

ber should be nominated by two faculty members.

"Our activities and events are open to all students," Moskalick said.

The group currently has over 100 members, and also has a committee that works on issues related to the strategic plans developed by the university. They also stress the importance of student involvement and the need for leaders on campus and the community.

The society is based on three components: leadership, networking, and community service. Leadership encompasses training to be a leader on and off campus, participating in conferences, and encouraging students to take an active role in the leadership on campus. Networking is about getting to know various students, following and planning activities that are part of the strategic plan of the university, meeting alumni, community, and business leaders.

"It is about who you know and not what you know," Moskalick said about establishing a career for oneself after college.

Finally, community service is all about helping the campus community and the surrounding community. For example, the society's goal is to host or participate in at least



photo provided by the Society of Success and Leadership

The Society of Success and Leadership wants it members to grow as people, members of the community and in their careers.

one act of community service per month. In December, however, they are doing two events; assisting the Boys and Girls Club with their annual Christmas Party at the Hammond location and going to the mall to buy gifts for needy children.

Numerous children have tags on what is called the "Angel Tree" and the society takes a few tags and buys the presents the children have asked for. They took part in the Angel Tree last year as well, and it was a success. It is also considered one of their biggest events. Last year the society hosted another one of its biggest events which was an open mic night. They host an open mic night once per month from January through April and

plan on hosting more for this upcoming semester due to its positive response and success. Moskalick stated that both events are equally important because they helped "different entities and audiences." He, personally, was very proud of the efforts the society made when it came to participating in the events.

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Sakum Ahuja, senior, electrical engineering



"I'll be staying in town and spending the holidays with my family."

Ryan Maxin, finance, senior



"I'll be working on my education portfolio."

Shalana Sanders, junior, elementary education and accounting

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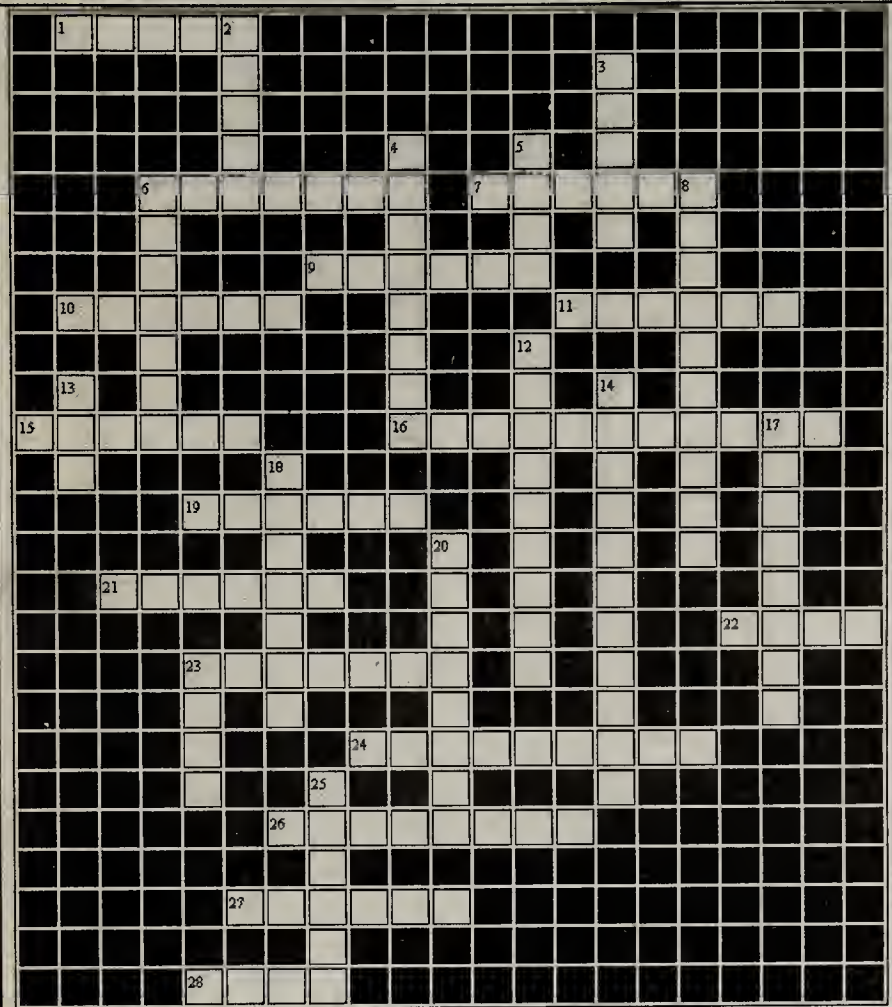
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1. Hot milk and chocolate

6. A Christmas Story character

7. where the computer lab is

9. burn eight during Hannakuh

10. the snowman

11. where Jesus was born

15. Hannakuh is the festival of

16. try to keep them this year

19. Notre Dame bowl game

21. Kwanzaa candle holder

22. _ chill can make it feel 30 degrees colder

23. It's a Wonderful Life star Jimmy

24. is rad (Chronicle Entertainment editor Wilkinson)

26. gifts

27. Hannakuh candle holder

28. Heisman trophy winner
2. top the tree with a star or

3. Santa's helpers

4. pull Santa's sleigh

5. this year's BCS championship bowl

6. red-nosed reindeer

8. Hannakuh donuts

12. skin damage from extreme cold

13. Kwanzaa principle (purpose)

14. holiday play

17. time and place of Jesus' Birth

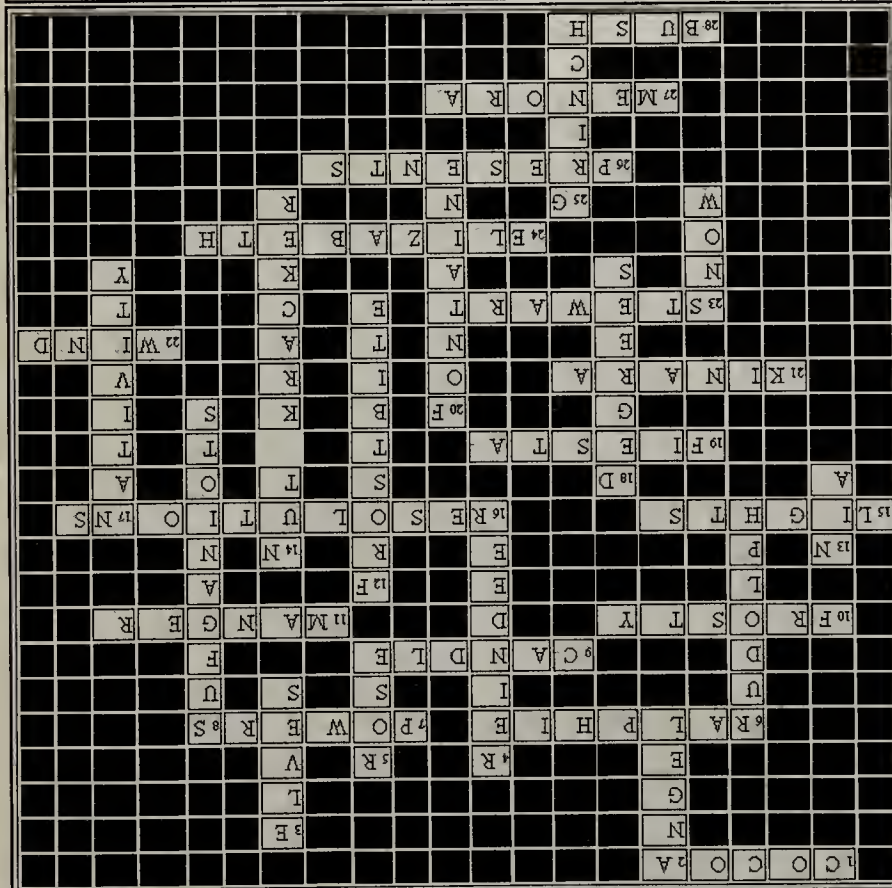
18. water freezes at 32

20. Nursing professor Karen L.

23. Let it _ let it _ let it _

25. he stole Christmas

Crossword Answers



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Big Stories

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declined to comment on the incident. Some of the students have since left PUC, and others still attend classes while living off campus.

In the Sept. 6 issue, *The Chronicle* ran a story about students' opinions on high textbook prices. It's no secret that college students have always wanted textbook prices to be lower. Although book store employee's chose not to comment on the student's opinions, members of the SGA heard their cry for help.

In the Dec. 5 issue, *The Chronicle* reported what the Student Government Association had done to help alleviate textbooks' strain on PUC's wallets. SGA posted the ISBN numbers, book titles and authors on their web site. This made it possible for students to buy their books online in plenty of time to have them shipped home before the semester begins, thus saving up to hundreds of dollars. The SGA web site is <http://life.calumet.purdue.edu/sga>.

Final exams this week mark the closing of another semester at PUC, a semester filled with tragedy, controversy, hope and promise.

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Partly Cloudy 26/20
20% chance of precipitation



**Friday
December 16**
Partly Cloudy 33/22
20% chance of precipitation



**Tuesday
December 13**
Partly Cloudy 30/25
20% chance of precipitation



**Saturday
December 17**
Snow showers 31/18
50% chance of precipitation



**Wednesday
December 14**
Light Snow 36/29
60% chance of precipitation



**Sunday
December 18**
Snow showers 25/15
30% chance of precipitation



**Thursday
December 15**
Snow showers 35/22
30% chance of precipitation

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Police Beat

November 28 9 a.m.

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Victim advised some unknown subject used her personal information to register for classes.

November 28 11:46 a.m.

Anderson Building

Officer was called to Anderson building due to an altercation between a student and an instructor.

November 30 12:15 p.m.

Gyte 216

Victim advised officer while she was in class she left her book unattended and when she returned the book was missing.

November 30 10:56 p.m.

University Village

The fire alarm was activated when the damper on the furnace malfunctioned. Water damage occurred after sprinklers were set off with the alarm.

December 4 3:42 p.m.

CLO Building

Victim was walking near the entrance of the CLO building and slipped on the ice, injuring her knee.

The Cal-culation: Rea What the Funk?

BY DAVID P. FUNK
News Editor

Former Sports Editor and current News Editor David P. Funk has come back to the sports section this week to take over Calvin Davis' Cal-culation. Here's what he had to say:

Some of my earliest memories are of sitting in the basement of the house I grew up in on Jackson Place in Dyer, watching Penn State football with my father.

I can remember playing football with my friends in the street. When everyone else was pretending to be Joe Montana or Dan Marino, I was Kerry Collins. When everyone else was pretending to be Walter Payton, Barry Sanders or Emmitt Smith, I was Kijana Carter or Curtis Enis. When I was in high school, I jumped at the chance to attend PSU football camp.

My father went to school in Happy Valley, PA and received a degree in microbiology. He grew up about an hour outside the campus in a little town called Tyrone.

He grew up a State fan and his affinity for the team only grew while he attended school there.

And as I grew up I developed a great affection- -mostly derived from my dad's affection- -for Joe Paterno as a football coach. JoePa (joe-pah, not joe-puh).

I remember the 1994 season when the Nittany Lions went undefeated, a season in which I'm still convinced Penn State was robbed of a national championship. My memories take me as far back as the 1991 Fiesta Bowl against Tennessee. I can remember watching players like Bobby Engram and Mike Archie and Mac Morrison and Brandon Short and Courtney Brown and David Macklin. I can remember some of the glory days of Penn State football.

I eventually spent two years in West Lafayette and became a passionate Boiler fan, but the Nittany Lions will always hold a special place in my heart (second place).

In the past few years, the Penn State football program has been severely down. The team, and Paterno, lost 17 games and won only seven in 2003 and 2004. Web sites and columns in newspapers and mag-

azines began calling for JoePa to retire or be fired.

His critics said that the game had passed him by. He was too old, too set-in-his-ways and his mind was too slow for the new game, they said.

But I always knew better. I mean, c'mon, this was the same Paterno I remember sprinting onto and off of the field and badgering referees with a fiery passion wearing those trademark navy-blue Nike's and-white socks. I hadn't noticed that he'd lost a step. He didn't look anything like most men in their upper-70s.

The whole time, Paterno claimed he was just a few playmakers away from another great team. And it turns out he was right, too.

Quarterback Michael Robinson is a legitimate Heisman trophy candidate who can beat you with his arm or his legs. Paul Posluszny just won the Bednarick award for the top college linebacker. He's got his playmakers and Paterno has his Lions back in the spotlight.

The team is Big Ten champs after going 10-1 in the regular season with their only loss coming on a fourth quarter touchdown

in a hostile Ann Arbor, Michigan. They finished number three in the country in almost every poll and will play in the Florida State Seminoles in the FedEx Orange Bowl. Paterno was named coach of the year and the Nits are the biggest sports story of the season.

All of the doubters are now backing off. Even firejoepaterno.com has created an alternate site for its viewers: keepjoepaterno.com. Paterno was on the cover of Sports Illustrated after being downed by that publication more than once in recent years.

The point of all of this is that Joe Paterno is the greatest college football coach of all time, better than Rockne or Bowden or Bryant or anyone else. The game has not passed him by and he's not ready to leave.

All of that said, I'd like to make a prediction:

Joe Paterno and the Penn State Nittany Lions will win the Orange Bowl by a significant margin, and JoePa will remain revered by both the media and public until he retires- -on his own terms.

Calvin Davis' NFL Picks

December 17	Time	TV	Pick
Tampa Bay at New England	12:30 PM		Patriots by 6
Kansas City at NY Giants	4:00 PM	CBS	Chiefs by 3
December 18	Time	TV	Pick
Arizona at Houston	Noon	FOX	Cardinals by 3
Seattle at Tennessee	Noon	FOX	Seahawks by 10
San Diego at Indianapolis	Noon	CBS	Colts by 5
Carolina at New Orleans	Noon	FOX	Panthers by 7
Pittsburgh at Minnesota	Noon	CBS	Steelers by 5
NY Jets at Miami	Noon	CBS	Dolphins by 3
Philadelphia at St. Louis	Noon	FOX	Rams by 7
San Francisco at Jacksonville	Noon	CBS	Bengals by 7
Cleveland at Oakland	3:05 PM	CBS	Raiders by 5
Cincinnati at Detroit	3:05 PM	CBS	Bengals by 10
Dallas at Washington	3:15 PM	FOX	Cowboys by 7
Atlanta at Chicago	7:30 PM	ESPN	Bears by 3
December 19	Time	TV	Pick
Green Bay at Baltimore	8:00 PM	ABC	Packers by 1

PUC perfect at home

BY BRANDON THOMAS
Staff Writer

The old saying states that "there is no place like home", and the Lady Peregrines have been putting this excerpt to the test this season. After Saturday's hard-nosed victory against Goshen College, they completed their first half of the season undefeated at home with a 49-45 victory.

Michelle Jones led the charge on offense scoring thirteen points. Linsey Smith and Sarah Vaughn also contributed scoring nine points each.

But the offense wasn't what put the women on top in this contest. PUC shot only twenty-nine percent from the field. And, they did not have much success on the fast break or shooting from the baseline.

It was The Peregrine's sharp defense rather, that kept the Leaves at bay. "One of our main goals is to play good defense, the offense will come, but if you stop the other

team from scoring you will eventually be able to score yourself", said Linsey Smith, who was a contributor to PUC's well-executed zone defense.

Tekanya Harper was the number one contributor on defense, as she grabbed twelve rebounds and blocked seven shots. "Our biggest thing to work on is talking. In this game we needed to be able to talk on defense", said Harper. Communication is a major key in executing any zone defense, and the Lady Peregrines spoke very clearly, while they limited Goshen to a mere forty-five points. Vaughn also made her mark adding six rebounds.

The Peregrines, who trailed only once in the game, played strong defense and used their conservative offense to score enough points to win.

The Lady Peregrines will go on a four game road trip, and will try to improve their 2-4 away record. With enough road wins during this stretch the Peregrines can back home with winning road record.

Women's Basketball games during the break

December:
12/20
PUC @ Univ. Southern Indiana
Evansville, IN 6:00 PM
January:
1/5
PUC vs Judson College
Fitness & REC CTR 5:00 PM
1/10
PUC vs St. Xavier Univ.
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1/14
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Men's Basketball games during the break

December:
12/21
PUC vs IU, Southeast
Fitness & REC CTR 7:00 PM
January:
1/5
PUC vs Judson College
Fitness & REC CTR 7:00 PM
1/7
PUC vs Purdue North Central
Fitness & REC CTR TBA
1/11
PUC vs St. Xavier Univ.
Fitness & REC CTR 7:00 PM
1/14
PUC @ IIT
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Wed., Dec. 21 at 7:00 PM vs IUSE

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Bush wins Heisman by largest amount in history

Texas quarterback, Vince Young, will seek Heisman redemption in national championship Rose Bowl

BY CALVIN R. DAVIS
Sports Editor

With the college football regular season over, all eyes are on the national championship game between BCS #1 USC and #2 Texas. But three weeks before the big game on Jan. 4, all eyes were on Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush, running back for USC.

Bush won the Heisman vote by the largest percentage in the history of the award winning 85% of the first place vote.

Finishing second behind Bush was Texas quarterback Vince Young and won by eight points. Against Notre Dame, which was probably their toughest game of the year, Bush showed that he can perform even when the pressure is on.

Bush recorded 160 yards rushing and three touchdowns as the Trojan's sneaked out of South Bend with a season-saving victory 34-31. In total, Bush has 1,658 rushing yards, 383 receiving yards, and 17 touchdowns.

Vince Young, the versatile Texas quarterback had a spectacular season as well. He has thrown for 2,769 yards, 26 touchdowns and a 168.56 quarterback rating. Young has also rushed for 850 yards and nine touchdowns. In Texas' big game against at Ohio State early in the season, Young led his team to a narrow 25-22 victory by passing for 270 yards and rushing for 76.

Rounding out the bunch was USC quar-

terback Matt Leinart whose numbers this years wee actually better than last year when he won the trophy. He's thrown for 3,450 yards (3,322 last year) 27 touchdowns, and a quarterback rating of 158.29.

Coincidentally all three of the aforementioned Heisman finalists will get together again at the Rose Bowl for the national championship game.

USC will be playing for an unprecedented third straight national championship, while Texas will be playing for their third in school history.

Runner-up Vince Young took his loss of the Heisman personally and plans to use it as fuel for the Rose Bowl

"I just felt like I didn't represent my team and my family when I didn't come up with the trophy," Young said.

Young will get his chance for redemption Jan.4 in Pasadena, California. The game will air on ABC at 7 p.m.

In other bowl season news two teams from the Big Ten earned BCS Bowl Bids. Ohio State and Penn State will play in the Fiesta and Orange Bowls, respectively. Ohio State will face South Bend's own Notre Dame while Penn State will face Florida State.

Other Big Ten bowlers include: Michigan (Alamo Bowl), Minnesota (Music City Bowl), Iowa (Outback Bowl), and Wisconsin (Capital One Bowl).



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Reggie Bush poses next to the prestigious Heisman Trophy. Bush is the third USC Trojan to when the award in the past four years. He is the seventh USC recipient of all time.

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Position: Forward

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Name: Nikki Borys #23

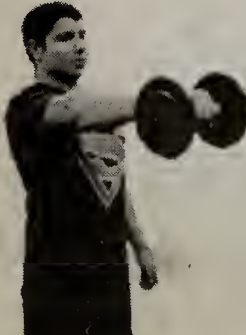
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Position: Forward/Center

Favorite Food: Sweettarts

Favorite TV show: "Scrubs"

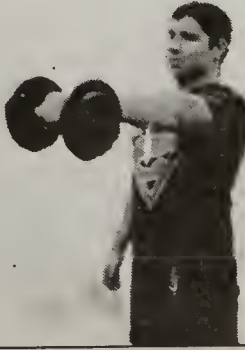


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Flag Football Bowl V

Monday night's game looks to be exciting as The Demons take on The Magnums

BY CALVIN R. DAVIS
Sports Editor

The NFL playoffs are right around the corner but the flag football intramural league championship game is right here right now. Back in September it was unclear who would be here, but as the season sent on the contenders were separated from the pretenders. Now, almost four months later, what was originally 18 teams trying to make the playoffs are now two teams battling for the league championship.

The race for the playoffs was tight throughout the season.

In the A.F.F.C, Sofa King maintained the best record going undefeated during the regular season. They weren't the only team in the conference who had a reason to be satisfied at the end of the season. While Sofa

King locked up the top spot early, the race for the final three spots was tight all season. This Year's Champs, Magnums, and Demons were only separated by one game at the end of the season.

Over in the N.F.F.C, the Hammond Bears finished on top, followed by Twisted Steel, Hoosier Daddy and Hammond Cheese.

In the first round of the A.F.F.C playoffs, the Magnums defeated This Year's Champs 63-42, while Sofa King beat the Demons 49-28. This set up the math-up for the A.F.F.C. championship game.

It was a close game throughout but the Demons prevailed in overtime and won 42-35. The loss was a new experience for Sofa King. "They were undefeated last year too," said Jerry Johnson, a receiver for the Demons who majors in visual communications.

On the N.F.F.C side Twisted Steel Sex Appeal beat Hoosier Daddy 42-28 while the

Hammond Bears won by default over Hammond Cheese. Twisted Steel and the Hammond Bears met in the N.F.F.C championship game. The final score of 49-35 doesn't tell the true story of the game. The Hammond Bears were clearly more athletic and made more big plays. Twisted Steel only scored seven points in the first half while the Bears put up 28. The rules of flag football made it tough for the Twisted Steel to get back into the game. The league plays two ten minute halves and the clock hardly ever stops.

Jerry Johnson and Tony Spinoso from the A.F.F.C champion Demons were in attendance for the N.F.F.C championship game. Most people see this as chance to do some pre-game scouting and get an extra advantage over the opponent. But not for this confident duo. "We don't care who we play," Spinoso and Johnson said simultaneously. Spinoso, who is the Quarterback for the Demons, put it clearly saying, "I just came here to see what time the championship game is."

Flag Football Bowl IV will be played on Monday December 12 in the PUC REC Center. Game time is 10 p.m.



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